

May 22, 2017

Memorandum

To: Administrator Pruitt
From: Aaron Ringel, DAA OCIR
Cc: Troy Lyons, AA OCIR
Tate Bennet, AA OCIR
Ryan Jackson, COS
Re: Meeting w/Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI06) on May 23, 2017 at 11AM

PURPOSE: This meeting serves as an initial introduction to Rep. Upton in his position as the current Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy which has jurisdiction over issues of importance to the EPA. In 2016, Rep. Upton finished his third and last term as full committee Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.



BIOGRAPHY: First elected to Congress in 1986, Upton comes from a wealthy Michigan family. His grandfather and great-uncle founded Whirlpool Corp., which is based in his district in the state's southwest corner along Lake Michigan. His father, a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, served as Whirlpool's senior vice president for corporate communications, education and government affairs. Upton went to the University of Michigan and majored in journalism — he was a sports editor of the student newspaper.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST: Environmentalists, despite their recent displeasure with Upton's committee, have given him high marks for a Republican in the past. He is a founding member of the Tuesday Group, an organization of centrist Republican members, and is a member of the moderate Main Street Partnership.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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